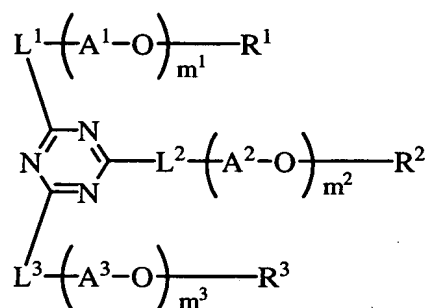


# Abstract of the Disclosure

A novel optical compensatory sheet is disclosed. The sheet comprises an optically anisotropic layer comprising at least one compound selected from the group represented by Formula (I):

Formula (I)



where  $\text{L}^1$ ,  $\text{L}^2$  and  $\text{L}^3$  respectively represent a single bond,  $\text{NR}^a$ , where  $\text{R}^a$  is a hydrogen atom (H), an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group, oxygen atom (O) or sulfur atom (S);  $\text{A}^1$ ,  $\text{A}^2$  and  $\text{A}^3$  respectively represent an alkylene group;  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  respectively represent a substituent group;  $\text{m}^1$ ,  $\text{m}^2$  and  $\text{m}^3$  respectively represent an integer not less than 0, at least one of  $\text{m}^1$ ,  $\text{m}^2$  and  $\text{m}^3$  is not 0, when  $\text{m}^1$  and  $\text{m}^2$  are 0,  $\text{L}^3$  represents NH or S; and when  $\text{m}^1$ ,  $\text{m}^2$  and  $\text{m}^3$  are respectively not less than 2, plural  $\text{A}^1$ ,  $\text{A}^2$  or  $\text{A}^3$  may be same or different each other.